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## **“BAND-AID BANDIT” AND PARTNER SENTENCED ON BANK ROBBERY AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

Tampa, FL - U.S. District Judge Steven D. Merryday today sentenced Rafael Angel Rondon, age 47, of Clermont, Florida, to 149 years' and six months' imprisonment and Emerigildo Roman, age 54, of Davenport, Florida, to 126 years' and seven months' imprisonment. They were also ordered to pay more than \$676,000 in restitution. The defendants were found guilty of six counts of bank robbery by a federal jury on April 12, 2007. In addition, Roman was found guilty of six counts of carrying a firearm during the robberies and Rondon was found guilty of five counts of carrying a firearm during the robberies. They were indicted on August 10, 2006.

The defendants were found guilty of the following robberies:

Date	Location
10/22/04	Capital City Bank, 7101 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, FL
12/9/04	Gold Bank, 1201 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL
5/17/05	Colonial Bank, 6213 SR 54, New Port Richey, FL
10/28/05	Mercantile Bank, 3201 S. MacDill Avenue, Tampa, FL

12/22/05	Wachovia Bank, 14166 US 10, Hudson, FL
7/13/06	Fifth Third Bank, 11030 49 <sup>th</sup> Street, Pinellas Park, FL

\_\_\_\_\_ Testimony at the trial revealed the pair had put together a “bank robbery kit” that was stored in a cooler at Rondon’s home. Inside detectives found wigs, mustaches, walkie talkies and more than \$90,000 in cash.

Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt stated, “I want to again commend the Task Force of local, state, and federal agencies that worked diligently to end this bank robbery spree. These defendants committed numerous cowardly acts and terrorized many hardworking bank tellers. They deserve to spend the rest of their life in federal prison.”

This case was investigated by the Band-Aid Bandit Task Force established in May of 2003 and consists of the following agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney’s Office, the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office, the Ocala Police Department, the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office, the Pinellas Park Police Department, the Tampa Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, the Pasco-Pinellas State Attorneys Office, the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office, the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Crime Stoppers of Alachua, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and West Central Florida and the Florida Banker’s Association.

This case was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis.